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IACC Quarterly

IACC Quarterly is produced quarterly by the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC), which promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local programs, works to enhance efficiency and coordination in the delivery of financial and technical assistance, acts as a forum to discuss issues that get in the way of helping local governments meet their infrastructure needs, and sponsor training workshops and conferences in these arenas throughout the year.

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DOE Awards Over \$100 million To Improve Water Quality

The Department of Ecology has awarded more than \$100 million in grants and loans to cities, counties, tribes and other organizations working to improve and protect water quality in Washington.

Eighty-eight proposals were received, requesting approximately \$187 million for the July 2006 through June 2007 funding cycle. Forty-nine projects were selected to receive financial assis-

tance. The Governor's initiative to restore Puget Sound was an important factor in selecting projects for funding

The selected projects will address issues such as wastewater treatment plant upgrades; on-site septic system repair and replacement; water reclamation and reuse facilities; water pollution cleanup planning and implementation; water-body buffer-zone restoration; agricultural pollution control; stormwater

management planning and implementation; public information and education; groundwater protection; and water quality data collection and monitoring.

Examples of projects to receive funds include:

- \$5 million in loans and \$1.5 million in grants for on-site septic system repair and replacement as part of the Governor's Puget Sound Initiative.

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IACC Fall Conference Preview

The IACC Conference is scheduled for October 31 – November 2, and is the IACC's fourteenth conference in the past 20 years!

The conference will take place at the Wenatchee Conference Center, and will be well attended by state and federal financial assistance programs, local government representatives, consultants, and trainers.

We are excited (drum roll, please!) to announce that this year's entertainment will be provided by Jude Bowerman, whose high en-

ergy performance covers a wide terrain of musical styles blending the rhythms of old school funk, blues, hip-hop, house and classic soul.

Please join us!

Questions regarding the conference can be directed to Bill Cole at (360) 586-4125 or bill.cole@pwb.wa.gov, and Cecilia Gardener at (360) 586-4127 or ce-cilia.gardener@pwb.wa.gov.

For information on the 200-plus funding and technical assistance programs,



visit the IACC website at www.infracfunding.wa.gov.

Take a look at the multitude of program and training information that will be presented at the conference on the IACC's website at <http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov>.

Water System Acquisition & Rehabilitation Project Dedications

Marblemount Community Water System

(Skagit County) – On June 20, 2006, the Skagit County Public Utility District celebrated the completion of the construction of a new satellite water system to serve the Marblemount area in eastern Skagit County. Invitations to attend the celebration were sent to a number of federal, state, and local agencies and the residents of Marblemount.

Funding for the project was provided by Skagit County, USDA Rural Development, the Water System Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program, and the community. The cost of the water system exceeds \$1 million.

The Marblemount community is located adjacent to SR 20 and greets a significant number of visitors during the months when the North Cascades Highway is open to vehicular traffic.

The community has historically

Dorre Don Community Water System

(King County) - On July 11, 2006 the Cedar River Water and Sewer District and the residential community of Dorre Don celebrated the



Robbie Robertson, Commissioner, District 2, Skagit County PUD#1, Don Montford, Public Works Board member, Bob James, Regional Manager, WA State Dept of Health, Ken Kukuk, General Manager at Skagit PUD, and Tuana Jones, USDA Rural Development

been served by a number of small public water systems with shallow well sources. Many of the water systems were unable to secure design approval because of concerns regarding their sources of supply. The new water system has a deep well, a 64,000 gallon gravity storage tank, fire flow, and the ability to serve 43 residential and 11 commer-

cial services.

The new well source is designed to mitigate loss of ground water to the river by means of by-passing a portion of the community system water directly to the river, resulting in a positive environmental impact.

completion of a project that improves drinking water quality and increases flow to the watershed.

The water district now provides direct service to the 77 customers in the Dorre Don community.

The Dorre Don water system had been very susceptible to flooding and contamination by the Cedar River. The system had been operating on a marginal basis for many years.

The spring is no longer used by Dorre Don as a drinking water supply and can now flow naturally to the Cedar River.

Funding for the project was provided through a unique partnership with the Dorre Don Community, the USDA Rural Development, Water System Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program, and Cedar River Water and Sewer District.

The cost of the project was estimated at over one million dollars and was completed about \$75,000 under budget.

Water System Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program

The 2003 legislature established the Water System Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program grant program that provided \$4 million in grant assistance for 14 projects, allowing municipal water systems to acquire and rehabilitate public water systems that have water quality problems or have been allowed to deteriorate to a point where public health is an issue.

The 2005 legislature appropriated an additional \$2 million in grant funds to fund five projects that will acquire and rehabilitate eight small, failing public water systems, benefiting approximately 2,232 people.

The program is jointly administered by Department of Health, the Public Works Board, and the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development

Upcoming Events

Department of Ecology's Water Quality Program will accept applications from September 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006. See <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/funding.html> for information.

The Washington State APWA Fall Conference will be held October 16-20, 2006 at the Wenatchee Convention Center. Contact (509) 664-3364 for more information.

The Water Environment Federation WEFTEC '06, the largest water quality event in North America is heading west! The latest in water quality

research, technology and services will be on display October 21-25, 2006, in Dallas, Texas. Information is available at <http://www.weftec.org/home.htm>.

The 50th Anniversary Washington Chapter APWA Convention will be held October 17-20, 2006 at the Wenatchee Convention Center. For more information, see <http://www.apwa-wa.org/news/conferences/future.htm>.

The 2006 IACC Conference will be held October 31-November 2, 2006. For information, call Bill Cole, Public Works Board, at (360) 586-4125 or visit the IACC website at <http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov>.

Community Development Block Grant General Purpose Grant Applications are due November 16, 2006

for funding in 2007. General Purpose grants are made available annually through a competitive application process to assist Washington State small cities, towns and counties in carrying out significant community and economic development projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. For more information on the program, visit http://www.cted.wa.gov/_CTED/documents/ID_1193_Publications.pdf.

The 2006 Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) Conference and SRF Workshop will be held November 12 – 14 at the Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia. More information is available on the CIFA website at <http://www.cifanet.org/conferences.html>.

Office of Regulatory Assistance

Introduction. The Washington State Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) oversees the Governor's Regulatory Improvement Program (GRIP). ORA was created in 2003 as an expansion of the Office of Permit Assistance. ORA now leads a multi-agency collaborative program. In addition to permitting, the office works with licensing, tax collection, and other regulatory agencies to improve and simplify services. For more information, contact the Director (see below).

Online Business Portal. ORA, with the state Department of Information Services (DIS), sponsors the Enterprise Business Portal Initiative. This initiative will provide the business community with integrated and convenient online access to government services through a single secure Web site. The portal initiative will also work with local governments to align requirements and online systems between the state and local jurisdictions. Look here for future updates about the Enterprise Business Portal Initiative, or [con-](#)

[tact](#) the portal initiative Business Solutions Manager (see below).

Permitting. As part of its original mission, ORA staffs a **One-Stop Service Center** to answer permitting questions and provide access to information about state regulations. For complex environmental permitting, ORA helps coordinate between the several layers of state, local, and federal permit review. For more detailed information on environmental permitting, please visit ORA's **Environmental Permitting Services** page or contact the Service Center (see below).



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Whidbey Schools Get Break From Bottled Water

Story by Darla O'Connor

USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development State Director Jon DeVaney and Mount Vernon Area Director Tuana Jones presented Whidbey Island School District with a check for \$592,665 in June to help cover the cost of installing a filtration system for a well that is contaminated by lead leaching.

The South Whidbey School District operates a well water system that serves three schools, an admin building, as well as a building owned by Island County. The three schools serviced by the well are the Primary School, the Intermediate School, and the High School. The combined student population at these three schools is just over 1500 students, which make up about 75 percent of the District's total student population.

In 2004, water quality samples were taken at the three schools serviced by the well. The results confirmed the presence of lead in the drinking water exceeding the EPA's recommended levels as acceptable for schools and daycares.

The schools turned off the water to all of their drinking water fixtures in November 2004 and bottled water has been provided since (*photo inset*).

The cause of the lead contamination has been traced to older drinking water fixtures and the well's source. Not only does this



State Director Jon DeVaney presents a ceremonial big check to Whidbey Island School District to help alleviate lead contamination found in the districts water supply. Accepting the check on behalf of the impacted Whidbey Island School District student body were Jovani Thomas and Dylan Woodward. USDA photo by Phil Eggman.



have an effect on the drinking water for the students and staff, it also affects the cafeterias where water is used for preparing the lunches.

In 2005, USDA Rural Development obligated a \$7,500 predevelopment grant to help with the

preliminary engineering expenses, followed by an additional obligation on May 3 this year of a \$592,665 Water & Waste Disposal Loan/Grant to help cover the cost of alleviating the lead leaching into the water supply and replacing the drinking water fountains in three schools.

The district plans to begin and complete this project while the students are on summer break.

Through its Rural Utilities Program, USDA Rural Development provides loans, grants, and loan guarantees for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities of 10,000 or less.

USDA Rural Development provided \$15.8 in loan and grant funding for various projects (including projects benefiting Native American Tribes) throughout the state in FY05

2007 Public Works Trust Fund Loan List

2006 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Draft List

On August 15, 2006, the Public Works Board approved loans from the Public Works Trust Fund Construction program for 19 projects. Total loan amount approved was over \$71 million. Total amount requested was \$228,834,512 million. These loans require legislative approval, which is expected early next spring.

The Board continues to approve planning, emergency, and pre-construction loans on a monthly basis. In addition, the Board is working with the State Department of Health to finance projects that have requested loans through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. DOH received 64 eligible applications requesting over \$54 million. Approximately \$24 million is available.

Husum Community Has Its Own Water



The Husum community celebrated their own water system with a public picnic, complete with local band and a ribbon-cutting Ceremony August 25. The \$700,000 water infrastructure project was completed earlier this summer with the assistance of USDA Rural Development funding. Left to right: State Sen. Jim Honeyford; Sandy Boughton (USDA Rural Development), Robin Harris (project engineer), Steve Troendle (USDA Rural Development), Paul Poknis (Fordyce Water Association President), Joy Olson (Husum Water Association President), State Rep. Bruce Chandler, and Randy Baird (USDA Rural Development).



WaWizQuiz

<http://access.wa.gov/washington/WAWizQuiz.aspx>
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Question 1: What information is monitored on Mount Rainier on a regular basis?



- A. Air quality and visibility
- B. Acid precipitation, ozone and pollution
- C. Weather, pressure and mountain temperatures
- D. All of the above

Question 2: What museum located in Tacoma, the City of Destiny, pays tribute to local kids who made it big in sports?

- A. Shanaman Sports Museum of Tacoma/Pierce County
- B. Kingdome Sports Museum
- C. Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum
- D. State of Oregon Sports Hall of Fame

Question 3: Seattleite Ivan Doig writes novels about the American West centered in what state?

- A. Utah
- B. Wyoming
- C. Montana
- D. Texas



Question 4: What is a Walla Walla Sweet?

- A. A Walla Walla debutante



- B. A type of onion originally from Italy
- C. A famous Walla Walla candy
- D. A type of wheat grown in the Walla Walla area.

Question 5: About 25,000 Washington State students helped select the official State insect in 1997? What is it?

- A. The Praying Mantis
- B. The Green Darner Dragonfly
- C. The Green Lacewing
- D. The Swallowtail Butterfly





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WaWizQuiz Answers



Question 1: D—All kinds of monitoring equipment, sensors, cameras, data loggers and radio transmitters are at various locations around Mount Rainier

Question 2: A—From baseball to soapbox derby racing, mountain climbing to figure skating, the Shananan Sports Museum highlights 25 different sports and 10 times as many sports figures.

Question 3: C—Once a sheep-rancher himself, Ivan Doig's characters live in the harsh, difficult world of sheep ranching in Montana.

Question 4: B—Originating in Corsica, Italy, the Walla Walla sweet is an onion that is grown in the Walla Walla valley. 'Sweet' refers to the onion's flavor.

Question 5: B—The common green darner dragonfly also known as the 'mosquito hawk' can be found throughout Washington and is very beneficial to farmers, gardeners and anyone in the agricultural industry because it eliminates many pests.

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- \$11.5 million to the city of Carnation to build a new citywide sewer collection system and pump station. The system will replace approximately 625 aging, failed and non-conforming septic systems that are adversely impacting the Snoqualmie River.

- \$1.2 million to the Klickitat County PUD No. 1 to construct a new wastewater treatment facility to help reduce pollution in the Klickitat River.

- \$1 million to Jefferson, Mason and Kitsap counties for on-site septic system repair and replacement to help prevent faulty septs from polluting water bodies like Hood Canal and Puget Sound.

- \$249,750 to Adams Conservation District to improve water quality in the Cow Creek watershed through buffer zone rehabilitation, fencing and off-stream livestock watering.

- \$1.9 million to Mason County to design a water re-use facility and sewer collection system.

The performance of on-site sewage systems has led to a declaration of severe public health hazard in the Lynch Cove area of Lower Hood Canal.

- \$250,000 to Clark Public Utilities to restore water quality and stream habitat in Salmon Creek through streambank protection, restoration, and re-vegetation practices.

- \$357,838 to Jefferson County Public Health for the Chitmacum Creek Clean Water Project.

- \$17.6 million to the city of Mt. Vernon for a wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

- \$247,000 to the Nooksack Indian Tribe to implement buffer-zone restoration along the South Fork Nooksack River to address high temperature and fine sediment problems.

- \$250,000 to the Pend Oreille Conservation District to implement buffer-zone restoration projects and to conduct educational events for K-12 students and adults on the importance of buffers and their effects on water quality.

- \$187,500 to the Adopt-A-Stream Foundation for a Swamp Creek pollution prevention project.

- \$4 million to the Spokane County Conservation District to assist farmers in five counties with purchasing conservation tillage equipment, making the transition to direct seeding economically feasible.

The direct benefits of conservation tillage operations include decreased erosion, improved water quality and salmonid habitat protection through reductions in sediment and associated nutrients.

A complete list of projects awarded funding and project descriptions can be found at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/0610053.pdf>.

Funding is provided through the state Centennial Clean Water Fund, Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Non-point-Source Program.

Ecology distributes the grants and loans and provides technical assistance to qualifying communities.

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